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SUBJECT: TIMING OF RESPONSE TO CAMEROONIAN AID REQUESTS

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 2417; (B) YAOUNDE 2462, (C) STATE 171954,  
(D) YAOUNDE 9078, (E) YAOUNDE 2589

1. TIMING OF OUR PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO GURC'S AID REQUESTS  
OF JULY 5 IS OF IMPORTANCE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF POSSIBILITY OF  
US REQUEST TO LOCATE WATTS STATION NEAR DOUALA (REFS C AND D).

2. I BELIEVE BEST TIME WOULD BE BETWEEN RETURN TO YAOUNDE OF DCM  
MITHOEFER FROM HOME LEAVE AND CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AUGUST  
6, AND MY DEPARTURE ON R&R, NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 13. WE COULD  
USE TRANSMITTAL OF PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO INTRODUCE MITHOEFER TO  
SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY EBOUA, WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED  
BY PRESIDENT AHIDJO TO CONDUCT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH US (REF A).  
NEITHER FONMIN KEUTCHA NOR ANYONE ELSE HAS BEEN INVOLVED SO FAR.

3. AS I REPORTED IN REF A, PARA 5, AHIDJO THOUGHT ON JULY 5  
THAT I WOULD BE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS AND  
THEREFORE HAD EBOUA MAKE REQUESTS THEN. IF WE ADOPT TIMING  
RECOMMENDED ABOVE, AHIDJO'S RATIONALE, WHICH I THOUGHT UNCONVINCING  
AT TIME, WILL TURN OUT TO BE CORRECT, BECAUSE I AM NOW PLANNING  
TO COME TO WASHINGTON AFTER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN EDINBURGH  
(AUGUST 16-21) AND CHICAGO (SEPTEMBER 1-5, AND VACATION  
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THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12 (REF E). IF US RESPONSE IS ENCOURAGING,

GURC MAY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE LIST OF SUBSTANTIVE NEEDS, AND  
CONSULTATIONS FOR ME WOULD SEEM TIMELY. IF FOR SOME REASON  
AF CANNOT AFFORD THEM, I MIGHT ENGAGE IN CONSULTATIONS AS PART  
OF EFFORT TO REST AND RECUPERATE FROM ONE YEAR'S SERVICE IN  
CAMEROON.

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